

Task Force for changes in reservation list for SSI

† 2164. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SHIG: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a task force under the Chairmanship of Shri L.K. Advani has been constituted by Government for making certain changes in reservation list for the small scale industries sector;

(b) if so, the persons included in the task force;

(c) by when the said task force would submit its report to Government;

(d) whether the representative of small scale industries sector have been included in the said task force; and

(e) if so, the names thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Government has constituted a Group of Ministers and not a task force, on the 28th June, 2000 with the following members:

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| Shri L.K. Advani | — Minister of Home Affairs |
| Shri Murasoli Maran | — Minister of Commerce and Industry |
| Shri Kashiram Rana | — Minister of Textiles |
| Shri Yashwant Sinha | — Minister of Finance |
| Shri K.C. Pant | — Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission |
| | Smt. Vasundhara Raje — Minister |

of State (Independent

Charge) in the Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space. The terms of reference are:

(i) To consider the various recommendations including the specific suggestion made by the Ministry of SSI & ARI to formulate an integrated and balance package of policy measures necessary to strengthen the SSI Sector, particularly in the context of the

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dismantling of QRs and the consequent increase in international competition; and,

(ii) To consider and evolve a road map for selective de-reservation in respect of certain products presently reserved for the SSI Sector, as may be considered necessary for enabling a phased and orderly transition and increasing national competitiveness.

(c) The deliberations of the GOM are not yet over.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Increase in SSI Units

† 2165. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of small scale industrial units in the year 1991 was 19 lakh which has increased to about 31 lakh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the persons working in the small scale industrial sector has also increased to 42 lakh during the above period; and

(d) if not, the actual number of such persons at present together with the year-wise increase in their number since 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The estimated number of small scale industrial units in the country was 19.48 lakhs during the year 1990-91 and the same during 1998-99 was 31.21 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The estimated number of persons employed in the small scale industrial sector in 1999-2000 is 178.50 lakhs. The year-wise estimated employment and the increase since 1990-91 is as under:

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